

Editorial Opinion

Vandals Cheat Themselves

What kind of student would go to any library armed with a razor blade and cut out examples of Picasso's work from an art book needed by other students and faculty members?

Not being psychologists we could not predict what kind of personality he might have but we can tell you he is a Penn State student.

We also realize that at Penn State, it is not sophisticated to have respect for books or scholarly pursuits and all appeals to scholarly ethics might fail on our fellow student who likes to cut.

But this student might at least have some consideration for other students who have to use the materials which he has ruined.

This student also has brothers in his chosen field of vandalism even though he may not know them. Included in this select group are those who steal books.

We realize that books are a big expense to the individual student. The Library saves a student untold numbers of dollars by providing the special books he needs. But it's a cooperative deal and those who deprive others of books because they are inconsiderate or just plain selfish ought really to be dealt out.

How many students have gone to the reserve shelves for a book or article which an instructor has assigned to the whole class only to find that someone has stolen the only copy? The individual who took that book is cheating his fellow classmates, his instructor and others who may need the book later.

The situation is getting so bad that the library may have to install turnstiles and screen everyone going out. How much of that \$100,000 grant will this take?

Now that the library has this new grant, we wonder how much of the money, so badly needed for expansion of departments, is going to have to be spent replacing materials stolen or mutilated?

The next time the vandals and thieves need a book it might not be there because the library did not have the money to buy it. These students may be cheating themselves in the end.

Encouraging Move

Student Government Association Assembly took the most notable step of its short life Thursday when it passed the bill to establish and maintain a discrimination-free off-campus housing list.

And especially encouraging was the way it was passed—by acclamation. By acclamation but not in haste without inspection.

The Committee on Inter-Racial Problems did a thorough job in drawing up the bill. They are aware of the great responsibility and hours of work this project will entail.

Dean Frank J. Simes' final words of caution to the Assembly—that if it failed the students would be deprived of a valuable service—will not go unheeded.

Rather they will be a challenge to SGA to prove that it can fulfill this responsibility to the students.

SGA is making a fight for its own life since its trial period ends this spring. If it can continue to accept responsibility like it did Thursday it will win the fight.

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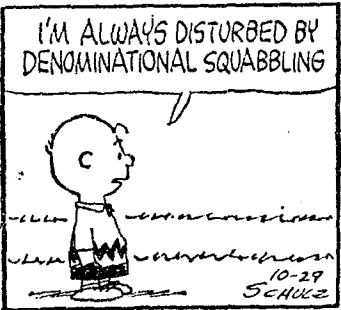
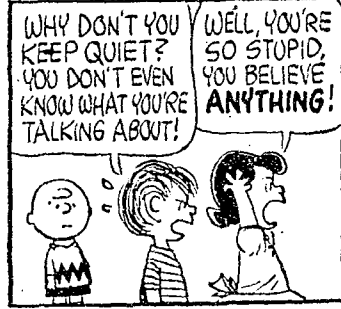
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Letters

Political Heads Praise Students

TO THE EDITOR: We would like to commend the students for their recent participation and enthusiasm in the presidential campaign.

Political action has been nil on this campus for the past few years, and now a nucleus is trying to interest and educate the students in politics and in the coming election. This interest is not to be discouraged, rather encouraged.

One method of reaching the students has been the Democratic and Republican booths set up on the ground floor of the HUB. The purpose of these booths is to hand out literature and serve as a headquarters for the respective parties.

The persons manning the booths answer questions about the parties and their platforms in so far as they are able to answer them. The booth operators make no claim to answer all questions on the issues of the campaign. They are there to learn also.

—John Bonella,
Young Democrats Club
—Neil Rhoads
Young Republicans Club

Gazette

TODAY
Baltimore Technique Institute, 10:30 a.m., HUB ballroom
Commonwealth Campuses, 8 a.m., 214-215-216-217-218 HUB
Grad Square Dance, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom
Student Movies, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
Young Democrats, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor

TOMORROW
Chess Club, 2 p.m., HUB cardroom
Delphi Hat Society, 1:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Newman Club, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Student Movies, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
Swedenborgian, 10:45 a.m., 212-213 HUB
Thespians, 8 p.m., 212 HUB
Young Democrats, 2:30 p.m., HUB assembly room

MONDAY
APho, 7 p.m., 212-213 HUB
Bride Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
Elections Committee, 6:30 p.m., 214-215 HUB
IFC, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
IVC, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB; 7 p.m., 215 HUB
Mock Elections Committee, 9 p.m., 218 HUB
Model Railroad Club, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Newman Club, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor
Nittany Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Nittany 20
Riding Committee, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
Seaboard and Blade Executive Committee, 8 p.m., 217 HUB
Varsity & freshman wrestlers, 4:30 p.m., Rec Hall mats
Young Democrats, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor

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Reader Cites Threat to Cars

TO THE EDITOR: On Oct. 24 a corrugated roofing sheet tore loose from the roof of a utility shed in parking lot 80, narrowly missing several students' parked cars.

After seeing other roofing sheets tearing loose, we were forced to move our cars from the area of potential danger.

However, the unfortunate drivers from West Halls were probably unaware that this condition existed, because of their infrequent visits to the distant lot. Is this what we pay \$30 a year for?

The Campus Patrol was notified of this situation on Oct. 24. An officer of the Campus Patrol personally inspected the utility shack. But no action was taken.

Twenty-four hours later,

roofing sheets were still tearing loose from the roof. Pieces of wood have also torn loose and are now lying on the ground with protruding nails, endangering expensive tires.

This demonstrates that the University is grossly negligent in maintaining lots paid for by the students.

Besides this, we would also like to mention the extra car-washes necessitated by the excessive dust caused by the unpaved lot. Again, is this what we pay \$30 a year for?

We don't mind paying the requisite \$30 a year, but where are the corresponding benefits? Are these lots really worth \$30 a year?

—Carl L. Drasher, '61
Carl J. Hoffman, '62
Tyco V. Swick, '62

ROTC Hikes Cause Delays

TO THE EDITOR: This fall the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC moved into the new Military Science building.

Obviously the location of Wagner Building reflects upon the ROTC foresight to the time when Lemont is considered a Penn State dorm area. The extra five minute period allotted to get to and from Wagner, while scant, is not unreasonable.

However, this week the Army ROTC unveiled its newest find — the meat-cutting plant.

Evidently dissatisfied with Wagner and its spacious adjacent fields, they held classes at the meat-cutting plant.

For those who are not familiar with its location, the meat-cutting plant is located beyond Beaver Stadium, commanding an excellent view of Lemont.

The purpose of this class meeting was to send out groups of students to locate, with the

aid of a genuine Army "glow-in-the-dark" compass, a post in a cornfield. This was under the simulated battlefield conditions of tramping through manure-laden fields.

This situation, though lamentable, is not the main basis of my complaint.

It is a half-hour walk to this location from west campus. However, students were not permitted to leave any earlier than they are at Wagner.

This means that they have 15 minutes to get to their next class. For those who have class on the western side of campus particularly, it is impossible to be there on time.

Why does ROTC have the right to detain students to the point of making them late for other classes? Why can't the large fields adjacent to Wagner be utilized? Could it perhaps be that they are being mined for our next block of instruction?

—Dick Westrick, '63

UCA Hits Political Preaching

TO THE EDITOR: The Board of Directors of the University Christian Association endorses no political party or candidate.

But we are compelled by reason of religious faith and sense of fair play to say that no person should be barred from any political office by reason of his church affiliation. Neither should a Christian vote for a candidate because of the candidate's church affiliation.

We feel that the use of Reformation Sunday for political purposes, as planned by cer-

tain conservative "Protestant" groups, is not in accordance with the tradition of the historic Protestant Churches and we strongly oppose its proposition to this end.

We emphatically oppose the current use of underground literature and whispering campaigns which are incorrectly represented as speaking for American Protestantism.

—Gordon Pritham, Chairman; Mark Shaw, Secretary; Arthur Seyda, Chairman, Social Education and Action Committee

Chester Men and Counselors

TO THE EDITOR: We, the men of Chester House, sympathize with the "boys" of Westmoreland and Montgomery House.

But, we are fortunate in having one of those rare creatures known as a good counselor. Rich Davis symbolizes the perfect counselor. Contrary to the apparent dictatorial state that these unfortunate houses are in, Chester exists as a democracy.

Rich Davis' policy on quiet hours seems to be quite different from those of the "dictatorial" counselors. He believes that since quiet hours benefit us, they should be enforced by us.

Chester House upholds freedom of speech, press, the right to vote, and the disputed right to petition. Furthermore, our

counselor doesn't even cut in on the dining hall line.

Rich upholds power and yet we, the residents, enforce the rules. This democracy is a product of the counselor and the men, each seeing one another's viewpoint.

—The Men of Chester House

(Editor's Note: We feel that both sides have aired their feelings in the "counselor controversy." This, plus the general deluge of letters we have received, make it necessary for us to ask that no more letters about counselors be sent to the Collegian in the near future.)

Hospital

Jack Abel, Patricia Ballentine, Joanne Chambers, Roberta Dorn, Martha Feldmiller, Sandra Katinsky, Marla Hoke, Michael McCombs, Ora McLaughlin, Robert Purdie, Recep Sevdik, Margaret Spangler, Elliot Stein, Linda White.